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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of

Yuko ARAI, et al.

Serial No. 09/204,142 : Group Art Unit: 2611

Filed: December 3, 1998 : Examiner: Hunter B. LONSBERRY

For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR PREPARING AND TRANSMITTING ELECTRONIC PROGRAM INFORMATION AND APPARATUS FOR PRODUCING ELECTRONIC PROGRAM GUIDE FROM THE ELECTRONIC PROGRAM INFORMATION

AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

Assistant Commissioner for Patents PO Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

This paper is being submitted in response to the office action dated September 22, 2004. It is not believed that any extension of time is required to maintain the pendency of this application. If an extension of time is required, kindly consider this to be a petition for whatever time is needed to maintain this pendency. It is believed that no fee is required by this response.